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WSURA Noon Lunch

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Wed. Apr. 7

Wed. May 12



Left to right: Elizabeth Harden, President Kim Goldenberg, Gary Barlow, Shirley Monnin

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A Message From President Goldenberg

"I"d like to take this opportunity to thank the members of WSURA for their contributions to my inaugural festivities in November. Your support and warm wishes were heartwarming to Shelley and me and to our families.

"The Spirit of Innovation for the 21st Century," the theme of my inauguration, reflects the commitment of the past and provides the framework for a future dedicated to excellence. Your continuing involvement as an *extension* of the Wright State community will help to carry us into a new year and a new millennium.

"The winter quarter WSURA Newsletter offers this sage advice: *Don't simply retire from something; have something to retire to.* I am delighted that so many of the Wright State community have decided to follow that advice and retire to the Wright State University Retirees Association!"

News from the President

Shirley Monnin

Well, back to **work** after a great holiday vacation, visiting family in Tampa and Porita Vedra Beach, Florida. No, I didn't see Ken Davenport! Hopefully, next trip. I slid back into the Dayton airport after the snow—but on the day of the ice storm. Even so, I was happy to arrive home after leaving that beautiful 75o weather.

There will be big office changes on campus in the near future. The administrative wing will move into the new University Hall (next to Rike Hall) and Allyn Hall will be evacuated for a complete renovation. That means the WSURA Office will also move, but as of this date, our whereabouts are uncertain. We will keep you informed as we learn more.

WSURA members attended the Inauguration festivities for President Kim Goldenberg on November 19-21, 1998. The events were well represented (see other articles in this edition). We especially thank **Gary Barlow** for representing WSURA so well in the program. He did a superb job. WSURA'S annual **Open House** was held on December 2 in the office. About fifty persons attended our festive, fun-filled party which has now become an annual tradition.

This past holiday, WSURA participated in the Adopt-a-Child as part of WSU's Holiday Gift Project. Our child was a 16-year-old, and it was gratifying to be able to give her some of the extras that 16-year-olds want and like.

Have a wonderful St. Patrick's Day, and Happy Easter!

The Inaugural Ceremony and Presidential Address

Elizabeth Harden**

Dr. Kim Goldenberg was inaugurated as president of Wright State University in a formal investiture ceremony on November 20, 1998, highlighting a series of activities planned in celebration of the inauguration.

WSU Board of Trustees Chair, Thomas E. Palmer, presided over the ceremony, and the Honorable Jo Ann Davidson, Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, administered the oath of office to Dr. Goldenberg. The university medallion was presented by Mr. Palmer, assisted by Dr. Perry Moore, newly appointed Provost.

The international flavor of the ceremony was highlighted by an impressive International Flag Procession (representing international students attending WSU) and by the presence of delegates from five international institutions: Nkumba University (Entebbe, Uganda), H. Lavitty Stoutt Community College (Tortola British Virgin Islands), Federal University of Parana (Curitiba, Brazil), Kake Educational Institution (Okayama, Japan), and Beijing Normal University (Beijing, China). In addition, the ceremony was attended by 55 delegates from learned institutions and societies.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Goldenberg focused on the university and community. The occasion, he said, is an opportunity to celebrate the importance of a university in the life of a community. It is a time to take stock of the traditions that have created us, the successes that sustain us, and the future that beckons us. Goldenberg observed that in the next century, we face major challenges in at least three areas: culture, technology, and human justice.

In addressing each of these areas, Goldenberg stressed that emphasis on professional training should not deter us from pursuing larger humanitarian goals: to produce educated citizens who can think critically, communicate effectively, and act morally in an increasingly complex world. Similarly, in technology, we must allow web-based education to supplement—not replace—sound methods of learning. Finally, in the realm of human justice, universities must create learning environments that enable all citizens to maximize their human potential, with an appreciation and respect for the rich differences that gender, race, and religion bring to the human condition.

The role of Wright State University in the twenty-first century, Goldenberg said, should be to enhance a future of continued leadership in innovation... in cultural and technological development and in programs that promote human justice on our campus and community... "The spirit of innovation for the twenty-first century—we have conceived it; so now let us go forward together to achieve it."

**My warmest thanks to Dr. Goldenberg for sharing with me the manuscript of his address (EH)

WSURA Members Participate In Inaugural Activities

Elizabeth Harden

WSU retirees participated actively in all of the inaugural scheduled events, beginning with the reception for international students and faculty (November 19), the Convocation and reception (November 20), and the Inaugural Gala dinner and dance (November 21).

Retirees were represented on each of the inaugural committees and subcommittees: **Steering** (Gary Barlow); **Installation Ceremony** (Lew Shupe); **Print and Publicity** (Leone Low); **Inaugural Gala** (Elizabeth Harden). Retirees (Marlene Bireley, Shirley Monnin, and Leone Low) also volunteered assistance with robing and seating of faculty and staff at the Convocation ceremony.

The inaugural program featured Greetings from each of the university's publics: the Alumni, the Retirees,

the Staff, and the Faculty. **Dr. Gary Barlow**, Founding President of the WSU Retirees Association, delivered the following remarks:

"President and Mrs. Goldenberg, honored guests and friends of Wright State University:

"As the founding president of WSURA, the Wright State University Retirees Association, I bring warm greetings to you. We are honored to be a part of this event, celebrating not only the inauguration of Dr. Kim Goldenberg as President of Wright State University, but also celebrating Wright State as being a premiere educational institution in Ohio and the nation.

"This is the fifth year of existence for the retirees' association. WSURA members are committed to the con-

tinuation of a close relationship with Wright State, offering our assistance in many ways and maintaining our close association with the people, the campus, and the activities that have been so much a part of our lives since the 1960's when the university was founded. We plan to continue our visibility on campus and to be actively involved in projects and activities that move Wright State to the year 2000 and beyond. Wright State has given us much; we now intend to give back in ways that will benefit the University. We are excited about our potential for growth and about the potential for the University in the year and decades ahead.

"Again, congratulations to you, President Goldenberg, and we look forward to our close association in the future."

ADOPT-A-JOURNAL

Gary Barlow

The Wright State University Adopt-A-Journal Program is designed to maintain the excellence of the University Libraries' journal collection in the face of escalating subscription costs and tighter educational budgets. You can help by adopting a journal title for a three-year subscription to guarantee that WSU students and faculty continue to have access to the journal.

The WSU Friends of the Libraries created the Adopt-A-Journal Program to help the Libraries maintain needed subscriptions to scholarly journals. You may adopt a specific journal subscription for a minimum period of three years or donate funding to allow the Libraries to select a needed title in your name. One hundred percent of the gift is earmarked for payment of the journal subscription. The donation is recognized on bookplates placed within each bound volume of your selected title.

The WSU Retirees' Association has adopted three titles to guarantee journal subscriptions through the year

2000: *American Heritage*, *Smithsonian*, and the *Journal of Ethics and Aging*.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Adopt-A-Journal program may call (937) 775-2381 to request a brochure; or write directly to:

Friends of the Libraries,
Wright State University Libraries,
126 Dunbar Library,
3640 Colonel Glenn Highway,
Dayton, OH 45435-0001.

Checks should be made payable to the Wright State University Foundation. Donations to the Adopt-A-Journal Program will be processed through the University Foundation and treated as charitable gifts.

We were delighted to hear from three WSU retirees who are now out-of-towners: from **Ron Fox**, Professor emeritus and former WSU Dean, SOPP; from **Sherwin J ("Jay") Klein**, Professor emeritus, Psychology; and from **Clark E. Beck**, former Assistant Dean, College of Engineering and Computer Science.

From **Ron Fox** (309 Brookside Dr., Chapel Hill, NC; E-mail: ronalfd625@aol.com.):

"My new career goes quite well. I now do organizational consulting regarding change initiatives, leadership

THE OUT-OF-TOWNERS

development, and diversity for hospitals, universities, and both public and private businesses/organizations. Last

year I co-authored a book with one of my former students: *The Change Equation: Capitalizing on Diversity for Effective Organizational Change*. Sales are very low, but it has helped land jobs with such firms as Mobil and National Institutes of Health. I continue to be very involved with the American Psychological Association, now chairing the group that oversees all practice-related issues including congressional lobbying....

"Margaret (Mrs. Fox) is traveling some (to London with a cousin last year) and is very involved with the local Ronald McDonald House ... Being close to the coast, we are able to get there in a couple of hours. Margaret has even made several same-day trips with friends.

"After several years in our new house, we decided that we like the old ones better and that we had down-sized a bit too quickly. So we bought a home in downtown Chapel Hill which is within walking distance of the University....

"Please convey our greetings to those who may remember us and accept our best wishes for the excellent job being done by all those in WSURA."

From **Jay Klein**, Professor Emeritus, Psychology (10438 E. Cedar Waxwing CT, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248):

Jay wrote that he is the only octogenarian teaching at Arizona State University this term. He has been teaching there since he moved to the Phoenix area a decade ago to

be near his family. His future plans include continued teaching at ASU and possible participation in the faculty exchange between the Chinese Academy of Sciences and ASU. Tsing Yuan of WSU's History Department helped engineer Jay's initial Chinese contacts.

Jay has traveled extensively since his retirement: to Bangkok (to tour Thai temples and the River Kwai) and Vietnam; to New York (annual trips to sample theatre and restaurant fare); to Europe; to Africa (including a safari); to Antarctica (including New Zealand en route); to China; to Japan and India (he had to walk up a mountain to the 8,000-foot level in Nepal to view Mt. Everest).

Jay's good friend, WSU alum Eileen, is involved with the Phoenix branch of Mayo Hospital. She, along with friends and family, gave Jay a surprise party on his 80th birthday.

Jay sends greetings to all of his former colleagues and invites them to touch base; he will be especially happy to answer questions about travel details and offer suggestions.

From **Clark E. Beck** (3121 Valerie Arms Drive, # 4 Dayton, OH 45405-2036):

Clark has moved back to Dayton and had a very active 1998. He visited Hawaii for his first Elderhostel trip and spent a second week on the island of Molokai where he found the golf courses quite challenging. He obtained his official USGA handicap and participated in the Handicap games in Columbus.

Clark and his family have been involved with the School-to-Work Program for the unemployed, including training to become a counselor in the Ohio Senior Hospital Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP); the training enables counselors to explain such health care plans as Medicare, Medicaid, and Medigap. Other activities have included working at a Folk Festival, Jazz at the Bend, and the Black Cultural Festival.

Clark celebrated the 26th anniversary of his kidney transplant operation in the fall. Another 1998 milestone was the birth of his third grandchild.

***Please send us an update on what you're doing so that we can include you in a future issue of *The Extension*. To: **Marlene Bireley** at the WSURA office (or at her home address 2242 Matrena Drive, Beavercreek, OH 45431).

A JOLLY Game At The Park

Barbara Dreher

If you drive past our local park any summer morning you will see four women dominating the tennis court between 7 and 8 a.m. The choice of time is a "geezer" thing... nobody wants heat or sweat to spoil the game. And the easy banter among the players is a "female" thing... nobody wants to spoil the relationship by ruthlessly winning.

Originally, tennis was devised by French courtiers and played with decorum and chivalry; the best thing about women's tennis is ... you don't have to play like a gentleman! Imagine yourself now, sitting unobtrusively on a picnic table, witnessing the distinctive style of sportsmanship in senior women's tennis.

The Prima Donna spins the racquet and wins the first serve. She still wears traditional tennis costume -- all white -- except for the one day she wore a green crocheted garment, as holey as Swiss cheese. Even that dress sported the white underpants with the cunning secret pocket for holding extra balls. Opponents always hope that riotous play will send that bulge to the middle of the rear end -- where a white bunny tail really belongs.

The Pea Princess dresses well, too, but her shoes are like Clementine's "herring boxes without topses" because she has painful bunions. How often she slows up the game by stopping to remove a pebble from her shoe. She also halts play if bees approach. Her delicacy seems to attract them. Or she must stop to clean her glasses of some tiny speck -- perhaps a burp from a passing bee.

The Perennial Patient always stands out in the group. She wears a black wrist band to protect her forearm, a black elbow brace, and flesh-colored elastic restraints to firm up wobbly knees. Her clothing is as garish as a golfer's, -- plaids or floral prints as loud as a 911 call. Even though she identifies herself as a bundle of aches and pains, her game is swift and sure. Her "par" stands for, "power." Opponents wish for a prosthetic cattle prod to speed up their own responses to her dynamite serve.

Pollyanna is the fourth player. She has a *magna cum laude* from Little League Baseball where she led conscientious parents in salving wounded egos. No maneuver is too miserable or ineffectual to escape her attention. "Good try," "Neat playing," "Good eye," "Fine direction"... such encouraging comments rise from the tip of her tongue. As a soap opera fan she has often seen "Vic-

tory snatched from the jaws of Defeat," and expects to experience it herself any day now. Somehow she knows that building self-esteem is not a thankless task.

All players have to contend with the net. At our park it is not a removable one made of string and hemp, but a permanent feature made of chain link fencing. It becomes an "iron curtain" for players who can't hit over it. The dimensions of the court are marked by a few white lines that spin off dozens of white lies... "The ball was out." "No, it landed in!" "Well, it's OK if you want to call it in, I'll just wipe off the chalk and toss it back."

That kind of banter shows that these players are full of spunk. They may be "worn out" by the time their sense of humor is fully exercised. Opponents apologize for taking advantage..."I couldn't resist that corner shot," or give advice..."When I scrunch my nose, I'm going to hit a net shot." The group keeps rotating partners to balance strengths, weaknesses, and loyalties. The only spite that occurs is *despite*. They play despite heart surgery, backache, and heel spurs. The goal is not to win a championship, but to enjoy the companionship.

WSURA Endowed Scholarship

This is a reminder to WSURA members that the annual University scholarship drive will begin on May 14 and we are encouraging continued support for establishing the WSURA endowed scholarship. To establish the endowed scholarship we will need to raise \$10,000 within a three year time frame. At the present time we have collected \$4,520 and are half way into the three year requirement. If you make a contribution please be sure to state that it should be credited to the WSURA scholarship fund.

Contributions can be made directly to the Wright State University Foundation, Alumni Foundation Building, 3640 Colonel Glenn Highway, Dayton, OH 45435. The contact person is Barb Cwirka who is the Stewardship Coordinator for the Foundation. We want to thank you for your past support for establishing this endowed scholarship and welcome your contributions in the upcoming scholarship campaign.

Treasurer's Report for December, 1998

Tom Keller

As of the end of the month, the account in our General Fund Rotary was \$982.24. Expenses for the month totaled \$363.39 and included \$319.20 for student wages, \$43.73 for telephones, and \$.46 for computer charges.

As of the end of the month the account balance in our agency account was (\$44.16). We also have a \$2,000 CD at National City which will mature in June 1999. We had membership fee income of \$96.00. Expenses totaled \$192.29 and included \$94.58 for supplies, \$60.89 for travel, \$46.10 for copying and \$16.72 for postage.

Our total balance of all funds is \$2,938.08.

As of the end of the month we had 150 paid members, including 124 life members.

WSURA & Wellness Committee Ph.D. Program

Alice Swinger

You are welcome to join any group at any time. Call to indicate your interest. Retirees, spouses, friends, and members of WSU faculty and staff are welcome. Call Alice Swinger at 236-2001 for more information.

Cabaret--4-6 p.m. March 5, April 9. Join in conversations, music, light snacks. **Jeanne Ballantine, Al Smith, Jerry Meike.** Campus Ministry. Call 775-2442; \$3.00 donation.

Computer User Group--Call to indicate your interest in meeting with people to share questions and answers related to computers. No cost. **Janice Collinsworth, 767-7564.**

Dutch Treat Lunch--WSU Faculty Dining Room, 12:00, March 3, April 7. Individual checks.

Legal and Financial -- 169A SU, 1:15, March 3. Call **Lou Falkner** at 233-3629. No cost.

Swim Club--Pool M, W 8-9. Winter, Spring. Instruction any level, individual guidance. Call **Andrea Bales**, WSU Recreation, at 775-5816. No cost.

Wellness Conversations--Brown Bag Lunch, 12:00, February 23, March 23, April 20. Conversations relating to physical, mental, and spiritual wellness. Sick or well, you are welcome. No cost. **Mary Ann Jones, Joe Emanuel.**

Dining Out--Meets at changing locations and changing times: February 24, 1:30, Amber Rose, 1400 Valley; March 18, 5:30, Dominic's 1066 S Main. Individual checks.

Dining Out for February-- Our dining out group will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 24 at the Amber Rose Restaurant. Members are urged to join us and to bring a guest or potential member. Reservations should be made by calling the WSURA Office at 775-2777 or **Marlene Bireley**, 426-9648. Please call by Friday, February 19.

Retirees Since the Last Edition of The Extension

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| Paul Kezdi | Cox Institute...SOM |
| Ed Lowe | Custodial Services |

WSURA Day Trip

Marlene Bireley

On December 22, several WSURA members attended "Chihuly Over Venice," a glass blowers' exhibit, at the Columbus Museum of Art. The exhibit featured chandeliers designed by Chihuly, an American artist, and made in Mexico, Venice, and Ireland.

A blown glass creation from Waterford artisans, said to be insured for \$500,000, was the favorite of museum visitors. Exhibit galleries included items from the Columbus Art Museum's regular collection. Also included were paintings on loan from the Metropolitan and other museums.

After shopping at the museum's souvenir/gift shop, the group enjoyed a leisurely lunch at Riggsby's in the Short North section of Columbus.

A Chemist, an Engineer, and a Mathematician

A Chemist, an Engineer, and a Mathematician were stuck on a desert island with one can of beans and no way to open it, so they all fell to thinking of ways to get at the food. Suddenly the Chemist yells, "I have it! We can make a compound from the sea water and the sand that will dissolve the can and leave the beans untouched.

The Engineer replies, "No, no -- I found some driftwood and seaweed, and I have designed a contraption that will lift the lid off the can!"

The Mathematician remains silent. After awhile, the other ones walk over to him and say, "Well? Don't you have a plan to get at the food,?"

The Mathematician replies, "First, assume we have a can opener..."

Time flies like an arrow.
Fruit flies like a banana.

Here are some samples from early 1800's cause-of-death reports from Missouri:

- Went to bed feeling well, but woke up dead.
- Died suddenly, nothing serious.
- Cause of death unknown; had never been fatally ill before.
- Don't know; died without the aid of a physician.
- Death caused by blow on the head with an ax.

Contributory cause, another man's wife.

Explain the distinction between the words "stationery" and "stationary:"

If I want to buy some writing paper and envelopes, I would go to a stationary store, because the moving ones are too hard to find.

There are many types of engineers. For example, automotive engineers design cars, while stationery engineers design printing presses and embossing machines.

This is called a "spelling lessen" because it lessens your ability to spell correctly.

Brown Paper Bags

A young man walked into the sheriff's office and said "I'm back again, and I'd still really like to be a deputy."

The sheriff thought a minute and pulled out a poster. "Catch this guy and I'll let you be a deputy."

"Can you tell me something about him?"

"Well..., he's wearing a brown paper hat and a brown paper jacket."

"Can't you tell me more?"

"He's wearing brown paper pants and brown paper boots."

"What's his crime?"

"Rustling."

Mice

A mother mouse was taking her large litter for a stroll across the kitchen floor one day when the local cat, by a feat of stealth unusual even for its species, managed to trap them in a corner. The children cowered, terrified by this fearsome beast, plaintively crying, "Help, Mother! Save us! Save us!"

Mother Mouse, with the hopeless valor of a parent protecting its children, turned with her teeth bared to the cat towering huge above them and suddenly began to bark in a fashion that would have done any Doberman proud. The startled cat fled in fear for its life. As her grateful offspring flocked around her shouting "Oh, Mother, you saved us!" and "Yay! You scared the cat away!" she turned to them purposefully and declared:

"You see how useful it is to know a second language?"

WSURA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

- ☐ \$99.00 (under 60 years of age) ☐ \$44.00 (65 – 69)
☐ \$74.00 (60 – 64) ☐ \$16.00 (70 & ABOVE)

ANNUAL DUES:

- ☐ \$ 8.00

NOTE: If you and your spouse are both retirees from WSU use the age of the younger spouse for determining the Lifetime fee. If you have paid the current annual fee and would like to become a Life Member, subtract the annual fee and remit the difference.

 *Please clip and mail with your check.*

Please fill in the information requested above and send it with your dues* (please do not send cash) to:

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